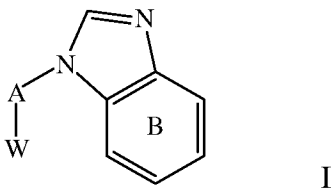


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**Please replace the present Abstract, with the following rewritten Abstract:**

This invention relates to compounds of the formula I:



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or diastereomers thereof, wherein A is a pyrazine, pyrimidine or pyridine ring, one carbon of ring B is substituted with Z and the rest of the carbons are independently substituted with Y, and wherein W, Y and Z are each as described herein. The compounds are substituted benzimidazoles, useful as immunosuppressive agents and for the treatment of proliferative disorders.